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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 27 October 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director reported that Executive Order 12036 is coming along and he expects it to be issued shortly. []

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The Director noted he will be testifying on 28 October before the SSCI Subcommittee on Collection and Foreign Operations. The subject will be counterintelligence and the state of CI since his last testimony before the Subcommittee in March. In regard to advances in CI since March, the Director said he believed that not many strides have been made and, therefore, he would like a weekly progress report prepared by Bob Gates to keep him apprised of the status of CI. []

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[] reported that the NFIP program managers are providing their amended budget requests. (See Staff Meeting Minutes of 20 October.) Koehler added he will be able to draw up the new NFIP budget in three weeks. []

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[] reported he has been told the HAC shortly will begin to consider the NFIP budget, and the extent of cuts from the [] request will be negligible. []

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Taylor reported the tight personnel situation in the DDS&T is causing problems in the management of three major S&T programs. []

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Briggs told the Director the IAD and DDO/NE inspection reports are being reviewed and will be sent to him shortly. He said based upon the reports it appears that a lack of personnel--professional, intelligence assistants, and clerical--is causing a lack of focus on counterintelligence. In response to the DCI's question about whether enough is being done to shortcut the five-year training period for CI analysts, Stein said the DDO is attempting to rehire annuitants as independent contractors but there are not many CI specialists available. He added there is no quick fix to the problem since a good deal of CI analysis relies on institutional memory. Admiral Inman noted his perception of CI is that coverage of the KGB is good but falls short in relation to other services. []

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Briggs raised the difficulties encountered in responding to FOIA requests, e.g., innumerable places one has to check to satisfy a request and the heavy demands on the time of professional intelligence officers--whose expertise is needed in many areas. The Director stated this might be an additional argument in support of exempting CIA from FOIA. He added he would like to see a survey done on how the FOIA, Publications Review Process, and the Privacy Act work. []

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Sporkin reported an out-of-court settlement with William Colby over release in France of sections of his book "Honorable Men" without PRB approval. []

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Gates reported the House Judiciary Committee will have open hearings on Executive Order 12036 28 October, and that no Administration witnesses will appear. Gates noted CIA and the White House have managed to antagonize both the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Committee because of our refusal to release the Executive Order to them. According to [] the White House told the Committee that the CIA had instructed it not to submit the Executive Order. Admiral Inman said the Agency response to the Committee should be that Congressmen McClory and Mazzoli sit on the HPSCI, as well as the Judiciary Committee, and this arrangement was set up to allow Members of the Judiciary Committee to be apprised of any intelligence matters that may fall within their purview. Admiral Inman added this was not set up by CIA but rather is an internal Congressional matter. In response to the Director's question, [] said that we had in fact received a letter from Chairman Rodino requesting a copy of the Executive Order but the response had not been sent out at this time. The Director stressed the necessity for responding to Congressional mail immediately. In response to a suggestion by [] the Director said he will call Rodino to discuss the matter of the Executive Order. []

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Hineman reported the U.S. interest section in Havana believes it is questionable that Cuba would send troops clandestinely to Nicaragua. A general discussion ensued about the number of Cuban troops reportedly sent to Nicaragua--numbers vary from 250-1200. The Director said he would like an evaluation by NFAC to clear up any confusion caused by past reporting of Cuban troop infiltration into Nicaragua. []

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Lipton reported the Comptroller Staff will meet today with the Deputy Directors and independent office heads to develop the CIAP budget for submission to the IC Staff on 30 October. []

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Lipton noted he had discussed CA funding proposals with the DDO and will send a paper on the subject to the Director. []

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Lipton commented that the Agency is in tight shape on manpower for FY 82. He added needs for people are far outstripping authorized levels provided by Congress. []

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[] noted this afternoon's NFIB will consider the Aden Pact estimate and will discuss Middle East issues. []

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Stein reported [] President Zia had decided to resume the development of a nuclear device because he was no longer confident in U.S. commitments to Pakistan. [] noted he had shown this report to the Vice President and Secretary of State, both of whom showed interest in the report. []

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Admiral Inman said that State does not believe our reporting on the talks between El Salvador and Mexico are accurate. []

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